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THE FOUNDATION OF A TRUE DEMOCRACY IS A WELL INFORMED CITIZENRY. This Newsletter reveals how the Imperial Valley Jr. College is being run by partisan political methods so that the citizens will be brainwashed into knowing one political viewpoint. It will also reveal how the big farm interests control this college so that the students and public should not learn of the \$14 million electricity swindle going on in this area. To show how important this matter is, it is estimated that the average home is being swindled out of \$100 to \$250 in excessive electricity bills yearly.

The Imperial Valley Jr. College has a series of lectures which its pamphlet entitles "FREE PUBLIC EVENTS". Speakers are brought in from the outside and are paid to give these lectures. In the 1966-1967 year, Herb Klein, big Republican politician who managed the Nixon Presidential campaign in 1960, was a lecturer. Of course when he spoke, he gave the viewpoint of a Republican politician.

It is interesting to know that the registration of voters in Imperial County is as follows: Democrats 58%, Republicans 40%, and others 2%. Since Herb Klein spoke in the 1966-1967 year, just ordinary fairplay would indicate that a Democrat should be the lecturer in the 1967-1968 year. People must realize that although the general public may or may not attend these lectures as they choose, it is entirely different as regards to the students. The students are made to attend the lectures and carry a card which is punched to show that they heard the lecture. If the student fails to attend, he receives no credit.

So you see that a student is forced into what is called a "captive audience". Many years ago when there were no movies, radio, and television, politicians had no trouble getting big audiences. Going to hear a politician speak was a form of entertainment. But at the present time with the wide choice of different television shows in the evening, people are no fools and will always pick a television show rather than go to hear a boring talk by a politician.

Politicians of course have their vanity hurt when a small crowd shows up to hear their speech. So they attempt to get "captive audiences" particularly at elementary schools, high schools and colleges. But this is forbidden by the Education Code of the State of California. So the idea is to make it seem voluntary on the audience attending and the speaker sort of "hires a hall" at the educational institution so that the Education Code is not violated.

Governor Jack Williams of Arizona, a Republican, spoke at the College on Sept. 21, 1967. A Democrat should have been scheduled for this lecture. Anyway, the main topic of his talk was that Washington was having a "giveaway program" and that everybody was mooching money from the Federal Government and that this was wrong. So you can see that this was a political partisan speech. Before Governor Williams



began his speech on the evening of Sept. 21st, Stanley Banks, the teacher who was acting as Chairman of the meeting, announced that the next lecture would be on Sept. 28th and that Lt. Gov. Robert Finch of California would be the speaker.

As is usual at college lectures, the purpose of which is educational even though it might be political, after Governor Williams talk, Mr. Banks asked for questions. I got up and asked this question-- When the Federal Government built the Parker Dam on the Colorado River, the people of Los Angeles and Orange Counties and the surrounding areas wanted Colorado River water; they therefore organized the Metropolitan Water District and issued bonds and built the aqueduct from the Parker Dam to the L.A. area for a distance of about 250 miles; they are paying to the present time for this aqueduct; now Arizona wants a similar aqueduct running from the Parker Dam to Phoenix but instead of the Arizonans building it themselves, they have been running to Congress for the past 20 years to have the Federal Government build the aqueduct and also have the expense of it; how did Governor Williams explain this difference between his speech and what the Arizonans were actually doing?

Immediately, hell broke loose-people began shouting, a man ran over to me and tried to knock me back into my chair, etc. Stanley Banks, the Chairman, made no effort to stop the disturbances. My question was perfectly proper as can be seen by the fact that all the papers the next day in the articles describing their interviews with Governor Williams, had the matter of this aqueduct to Phoenix as the main subject of the articles.

I immediately realized that this so-called lecture was really a political rally by Republicans which had been paid for by the College. After the disturbances quieted down, Governor Williams said, "We decided to do it ourselves 3 weeks ago". This was his answer but one week later U.S. Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona put an amendment to a Public Works Appropriation bill in the Senate to authorize this Aqueduct to Phoenix which will cost the Federal Government from \$500 millions to \$750 millions depending on how and what is built.

In view of 3 big Republican politicians being scheduled to give talks at the College and the treatment accorded me when I asked a question after Governor Williams speech, I went on Sept. 22nd to lawyer Don Work to get an injunction to prevent Lt. Governor Finch from making his lecture. Since these lecturers are paid by the college, as a taxpayer I have the right to take legal action to stop tax money being paid to only Republican politicians making lectures.

I left the lawyer's office and then went to the College and told Chester H. Palmer, Deputy Superintendent, that I intend to take legal action to stop the College from having Lt. Gov. Finch as a lecturer and paying him for it. Mr. Palmer then told me that the newspaper articles were wrong in saying Finch would be the next lecturer. The Rotary Club (which is supposed to be non-political) had "hired the hall" for the Lt. Governor to speak and the College was not sponsoring it. He told me anyone can "hire the hall" and it was for free.

On Sept. 27th, I visited Dean Leptich, Dean of Student Activities who has charge of "hiring the hall". I made arrangements with him to speak at 11:30 a.m. at the Student Union on October 12, 1967 and the subject was "Electricity Rates". I requested notices put on the billboard of the college and the same press releases that Lt. Gov. Finch got so people would know about my speech. Later I received a letter from a Judy Luncford of the Public Affairs Forum Club telling me that my speaking date was January 11, 1968, I repeat 1968. The Board of Trustees met in the meantime and made a new rule--when a political speech is made, an opponent must be present to make a rebuttal.

I went down to the College and had an argument with Mr. Palmer and Mr. Leptich. I threatened legal action and also action on the accreditation of the College. So I will speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12th. The Lecture is not listed on the College billboard to fool the students. There is not 1 Democrat in the 5 trustees & 7 top college officials!!!